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To: DSDs, DMs and AMs

From: Acting State Director

Subject: Revision of Departmental Aviation Policy Manual

Office of Aircraft Services (OAS) Operational Procedures Memorandum (OPM) No. 97-25 is attached. The Office of the Solicitor has advised the Director, OAS that non-Federal passengers aboard Department of the Interior (DOI) owned or operated aircraft are no longer required to sign form OAS-115, "Release" a form which released from liability DOI from liability in the event of an aircraft accident

Please make the necessary pen and ink change in the 350 DM 1, General Administration chapter of the Aviation Policy Manual.

Questions may be addressed to Ron Meyer, State Aviation Manager, at (303) 239-3809 or GroupWise RMEYER.

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Attachment

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OAS OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM NO. 97-25

Subject: Deletion of Requirement for Form OAS-115

Effective Date: March 13, 1997 Supersedes: None - Initial Release

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- .1 <u>Purpose</u>. This OPM deletes the requirement for passengers to sign a form OAS-115, "Release" prior to flying aboard DOI aircraft.
- .2 <u>Background</u>. Completion of form OAS-115 has historically been required before some categories of passengers could fly aboard DOI owned or procured aircraft. The Office of the Solicitor now advises that use of this form is unnecessary.
- .3 <u>Policy</u>. Effective with this OPM, use of form OAS-115 is no longer required. Paragraph 1.7C is hereby deleted from 350 DM 1, General Administration.

/s/ Mike Martin Acting Director